

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:146

ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007

PRIVATISATION OF COAL MINES

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for privatization of coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN STARRED QUESTION NO.146 FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2007 ASKED BY SHRI ANANT GUDHE AND SHRIMATI (SAW.) KALPNA RAMESH NARHIRE REGARDING PRIVATISATION OF COAL MINES.

(a) to (b) : In terms of the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973, coal blocks can be allotted to private companies for captive use only, in specified end uses such as generation of power, production of iron and steel, cement, syn-gas through gasification and coal liquefaction.